

Council Tweaks Proposed Budget To Arrive at \$21,232,600 Figure

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council reached preliminary decisions on the budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1 at its May 17 final budget worksession after tweaking a few minor items in the \$21,232,600 proposal of Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin and city staff. In doing so, council approved McLaughlin's proposal not to raise the real property tax rate, the first time in more years than many can remember that a new budget does not include a rate increase.

However, while the tax rate may not go up, most homeowners will still pay higher property taxes because of phased-in increases in property assessments.

Only 15 items in the detailed 167-page General Fund budget document were changed by council, with expenditures being increased a net of \$26,000 or a little more than one-tenth of a percent. Revenue estimates increased as well due to a revised upward estimate for state-shared highway user revenues and a council decision to increase inspection fees on rental residences by \$15 a unit.

Most of the added \$72,000 income from the fee increase will be set aside until city staff puts forth a plan to deal with structural issues facing the Department of Planning and Community Development. The department has outgrown its allocated space at the Greenbelt Community Center and more staff is needed to improve inspection services on existing facilities and planned new construction in Greenbelt West.

Postal Substation

Of particular interest to many residents in Old Greenbelt is council's decision to fund a part-time postal substation in a city building. Council agreed to add \$15,000 to the budget to fund a half-time employee to handle stamp sales and other services, with Councilmember Rodney Roberts dissenting.

To date, the city has been frustrated in its efforts to maintain some kind of a postal facility in Roosevelt Center once the Greenbelt Post Office relocates to its new building at Hanover Parkway and Glen Ora Drive this Memorial Day weekend. Efforts to get a Roosevelt Center merchant to operate such a facility

have been unsuccessful because of difficulty in meeting postal service requirements for space.

McLaughlin told council that staff had not worked out details yet as to the new facility's location, although he thought it might be near the city manager's office on the second floor of the Municipal Building. He said that money would only be required for a part-time employee as the Postal Service would provide necessary equipment. He proposed offering the service for a two- to three-year trial period.

Councilmember Leta Mach noted that such a facility has worked well in Berwyn Heights. Councilmember Edward Putens thought it should be given a try.

Roberts, however, felt that the city should not be in the post office business and that the substation should be in Roosevelt Center. "Not one of the merchants is willing to do it. Does that mean we need to do it? A couple of hours a week isn't a solution."

Mayor Judith Davis responded that it would be for more than a couple of hours and that a facility

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APB, City Planning Staff Diverge over SHL Plans

by Virginia Beauchamp

Usually the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) and the city's planning staff agree on which developers' proposals they will recommend for approval and which they will recommend to be denied. But at the end of a very long meeting on May 17, the two bodies reached different conclusions. At issue was the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS) that had been presented by AIMCO (Apartment Investment Management Company) representatives for the redevelopment of Springhill Lake.

Unlike most APB meetings, this one lasted well into the night, ending at five minutes after midnight. The ongoing discussion was not characterized by dissension but by the struggle to resolve differences and find ways to keep the project viable.

After long discussion, the APB voted to recommend, with certain conditions, that the Greenbelt City Council support the developer's proposal.

But in a report dated the following day and slightly revised from that which had been circulated the night before, the city

staff affirmed that it still could not wholly support the AIMCO plan.

In its conclusions, the city staff notes that: 1) the plan does not comply with "the mandatory dedication requirements" specified in the conditions for approval of the site plan, 2) fails to meet specifications concerning public safety, 3) lacks a letter from the Prince George's County Board of Education agreeing to transfer the site for the Springhill Lake Elementary School and 4) fails to address school capacity concerns.

In addition, the report notes staff opposition to certain variance requests.

Ball Fields

Of major concern to both municipal bodies was whether or not three "competition sized and equipped ball fields" would be included in the PPS. Because of the large amount of development proposed for Greenbelt West (including not only the Springhill Lake acreage but also the Greenbelt Station properties and

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GHI Annual Membership Meeting Attracts a Standing-room Only Crowd

by Mary Moien and Judy Bell

An important presentation, new members in the cooperative and a number of new people running for the board of directors combined to attract a full house to the annual meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) on May 18.

Members heard something new when Julia Eichhorst, president of the GHI board of directors, introduced Carl Elefante of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). She explained that GHI has been discussing forming a "green ribbon taskforce" to develop a vision of the future for the cooperative. At the same time, the board had been contacted by Elefante, who described a project the AIA is undertaking in celebration of its 150th birthday. This project is the Blueprint for America program. The Potomac Valley chapter of AIA, Elefante said, would like Greenbelt to be the town their members work with.

Elefante has already met with GHI's board and staff. He told the membership why his group had chosen Greenbelt. He described the common philosophy of the idealism of GHI, the strong community spirit and the marriage here of historical community and environmental issues.

He said that GHI had "good bones" but was showing its age at 75. He went on to describe the program as an initiative – a beginning. The plan will be unfolded in 2006, discussed in 2007 and reported on in 2008, he said. The planned changes will play out over the next 30 years.

Elefante indicated that a small amount of matching funds (\$15,000) is available to support the project.

In particular, the project will involve consensus-building. In response to a question on how this project fits into the greater Greenbelt community, Elefante stated that special focus will be on GHI but that the city perspective will also be taken into account. He commented that there appear to be lots of plans underway in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West, "but there seems to be a kind of a void about the legacy of GHI in the future" of the city.

Board Elections

Eight members competed for four two-year terms and one one-year term. The three incumbents – Dorothy Lauber (235 votes), Donald Hudson (162) and George Moore (159) – were all reelected (with George Moore winning the one-year election). Two newcom-

ers – Diana McFadden (177) and David Morse (170) – were also elected. Not elected were Susan Ready (148), Suzette Agans (145) and Pat Novinski (109).

The candidates who were elected had put forth their philosophies earlier in the evening.

Lauber reminisced on the New Deal, her love of Greenbelt and her 10 years on the board. Hudson was just completing his first two-year term. He indicated that he had learned good decision-making skills in his career and has the best interests of the community at heart. Moore said he has spent most of his life in Greenbelt and is currently serving on the board of the Fire Department. He has been on the board for two years and has the time to devote to it.

McFadden has lived in GHI for four years. She discussed having the cooperative interests show up as a voting block in Greenbelt elections. She has ordered a rain barrel and is very interested in energy option issues and sustainable design. Morse has lived in Greenbelt for 15 years and is very concerned about home size issues, that is, discussions about limiting the size and

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Council Supports Staff On Springhill Lake Plan

by Thomas X. White

The Advisory Planning Board (APB) and staff reports were on the agenda at the city council's regular meeting on May 22. At that meeting council voted unanimously to oppose the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS) for the Springhill Lake (SHL) redevelopment. Council was not persuaded by the APB recommendation to approve the PPS with conditions. Instead they relied on the staff report prepared by Assistant City Planner Terri Hruby that recommended that the city oppose the plan because it failed to adequately address critical city concerns dealing with the uncertain school location and capacity situation, mandatory dedication of parkland for three competitive ball fields, environmental issues

relating to private roadway crossings of streams within the site, transportation impacts and public safety impacts. The council authorized staff to communicate its opposition to the preliminary plan to the county Planning Board along with the city's list of nearly 35 conditions that it should require for approval of the AIMCO preliminary plan.

Clearly dissatisfied and upset by the council decision to oppose the PPS, AIMCO representatives noted that the council's action would effectively remove all of their previously proffered benefits to the city from "the table." Aware of that possibility, council stood firm in their vote but ex-

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What Goes On

Monday, May 29 – City and GHI Offices Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday

10 a.m., Memorial Day Services, Veterans' Memorial, Roosevelt Center

Tuesday, May 30

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., New Post Office Opens, Ora Glen Drive

Wednesday, May 31

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Senior Lounge, Room 111, Community Center

Friday, June 2 to Sunday, June 4 – Greenbelt Day Weekend (see ad, page 5 for events and times)

Sunday, June 4

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Letters

THANKS

With the announcement of this year’s award of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship to Eric Soderholm also comes the sincere thanks from those of us who review the applications and dispense the funds.

For all the reasons spelled out in the article about the award we are extremely pleased to have Eric Soderholm represent the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF).

Thanks to Eric and all his classmates for applying for the scholarship. We wish to thank all past and present donors for their generous support of this endeavor.

We also extend an invitation to future donors/contributors who wish to join us in the cause and offer tuition assistance for ERHS students. Tax exempt donations can be sent to the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0761.

Thanks to all and congratulations to Eric!

Doug Mangum,
DCMSF, President,
Class of ’79

Editor's Note: We repeat the above letter which ran last week without the accompanying story that now appears on page 4.

ERHS Graduation Features Todd Kliman

Todd Kliman is giving the commencement speech for Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesday, May 30 at 5 p.m. at Comcast Center.

A 1984 graduate of ERHS and previous winner of the Skolnik Journalism Award, Kliman is the son of Itsy and Ted Kliman, of 58 Court Crescent. He is now dining editor of Washingtonian and the magazine’s food critic.

Kliman was previously the food columnist for the Washington City Paper, where he won a prestigious James Beard Award in 2005 for the country’s best newspaper column.

His writing has appeared in The New Yorker, Harper’s, National Geographic Traveler and The Washington Post Magazine and ranges from punk rock to corporate thuggery, from media barons to young gang members.

Kliman also taught English and literature for 10 years at American University and Howard University, twice appearing in “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.”

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News Review Closed Monday

To permit News Review staffers to observe the Memorial Day weekend, the usual Ad Desk hours will not be observed on Monday, May 29. Usual ad desk and editing hours will resume on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. The weekly Tuesday 10 p.m. deadline is unchanged. All advertising, photos and articles must reach the News Review by 10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30 to appear in the June 1 issue of the paper.

New Post Office Can Be Reached Easily by Bus

When the new Greenbelt Post Office opens for the first time on Tuesday, May 30 patrons will be able to reach it by bus. The R-12 Metro Bus stops across the street at Greenway Center Drive and Hanover Parkway. Although the county’s The Bus #16 travels on Hanover Parkway, it does not stop in Old Greenbelt. Metro buses T-16 and T-17 run along Greenbelt Road. People can take The Bus #15 from Roosevelt Center to Greenway Center. From both routes people will have to walk several blocks.

The new post office opens officially on Tuesday at 8 a.m. but those with post office boxes may access them after 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 27 and on a 24-hour basis thereafter.

Vending machines for stamps will also be available at all times. Retail service hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Residents will be interested to learn that the Greenbelt City Council has preliminarily agreed to fund a part-time postal substation in a city building. For more information see the council budget story.

City Seeks Cash Donations For Two Charitable Funds

The City of Greenbelt over- sees two charitable accounts that help Greenbelt residents and those passing through Greenbelt who are in dire need. At this time the fund balance to these accounts is quickly diminishing and donations are sought.

The Good Samaritan Fund was implemented in 1984 in conjunction with the Greenbelt clergy. This fund was established to assist transient people who are in immediate need of food, transportation and/or gas. Requests for the use of this fund are handled through Greenbelt clergy. The Greenbelt Police Department validates the request and issues a voucher for authorized goods and services. The vouchers are then presented to the participating vendors.

Another charitable account that is maintained solely by contributions is the Emergency Assistance Fund. The fund exists to assist residents, who are in danger of being evicted, meet their housing payment obligation. Requests for use of this fund are made through Greenbelt CARES. One-time payments are made directly to the landlord or other appropriate agency and are expected to be repaid. Any individual or business can make contributions to this fund through the Greenbelt Finance office.

In the spirit of community cohesiveness and caring, the City of Greenbelt asks that residents consider donating to these funds. Contributions should be made payable to the City of Greenbelt and the desired recipient fund should be indicated. The mailing address is 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Call 301-474-1552 to reach the Finance Department.

Correction

The name of the Indian leader Gandhi was misspelled in last week’s On Screen concerning the film “Water.” The News Review regrets the error.

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On Screen

“Friends with Money” Tips In

Look for a sharp change of pace with the new film that opens at Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, May 26. Where the departing “Water” dwells on sorely beset widows in 1930s India, “Friends with Money” is set in the contemporary U.S.A focusing on three wealthy married couples and single pal Olivia (Jennifer Aniston), a former school teacher who’s now a maid.

Primed by a full flow of variously joined dialogue, the often-troubled midlife couples (the women taking pride of place) and Olivia demonstrate – surprise! – that money doesn’t buy happiness. Nor does a blue-collar job provide the wherewithal. Pivotal in the byplay is a decision by Franny (Joan Cusack) and Matt (Greg Germann) to give \$2 million to a daughter’s school. Sounding off are Christine and David (Catherine Keener and Jason Isaacs) and Jane and Aaron (Frances McDormand and Simon McBurney). Among writer-director Nicole Holofcener’s former films are “Walking and Talking” and “Lovely & Amazing.” R, 88 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Community Events

Memorial Day Celebration

Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #136 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron #136 will host the annual Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 29 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial in Roosevelt Center. The community is invited to attend. The program will also feature a guest speaker. A buffet luncheon will be serviced at the Post home following the completion of the ceremonies.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies and program will be held at the Post home at 6900 Greenbelt Road at 10 a.m.

Boxwood Village Annual Scholarship

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. The scholarship, valued at \$500, is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Zoo Dip booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will review the applications and decide on this year's recipient.

For further information or to obtain an application form call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Judy Ott at 301-474-0222.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Tuesday, May 30 through Friday, June 2 include:

Monday – All sites closed for Memorial Day holiday.

Tuesday – Grape juice, oven fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, fresh melon.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions on a bun, seasoned penne pasta, chopped collards, sliced fresh strawberries.

Thursday – Apple juice, veal paty with tomato sauce and spaghetti, chopped spinach, fruit sherbet.

Friday – Orange juice, turkey/ham potato casserole, mixed vegetables, garden salad with dressing, peach supreme.

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This Week's Music At the New Deal Café

This coming week Chris Nelson and Ty Bennett will appear at the New Deal Café as the Natty Boh Bluegrass Duo on Friday, June 2 from 8:15 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, June 3 Midge will present "A Blend of Styles" from 8:15 to 11 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club enjoyed a pot luck lunch celebrating the May birthdays. Rose Remenick and Roger Brown were the birthday raffle winners. New members were welcomed and the birthday poem by our own Joe Rimar was read.

Everyone enjoyed the Golden Age trip to Carroll County to the Farm Museum, an elegant lunch at the restored Antrim Country Inn and a visit to the Shriver home and Grist Mill. Many thanks to Karen Haseley for planning this trip.

Dr. Hatfield will speak on dental hygiene on May 30.

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Writers Group Reads At Café on May 31

Members of the Greenbelt Writers Group will read some of their original works at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center on Wednesday, May 31 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Readings will include poetry, short stories, memoirs and haiku. Some of the members who will present their works are Lenore Algaze, Greg Anderson, Matt Arbach, Laura Jeannette Brown, Jacqueline Byrd, Marjorie Gray, Carol Griffith, Jim Link, Mary Moien, Peggy Rooney and Janet Walenta. They are expected to be both thought-provoking and entertaining.

Students Move Ahead With Summer Help

Saturday, May 20 was the final meeting of the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program for the school year 2005-2006. Students and parents considered the program to be a huge success. The Greenbelt Recreation Department will again conduct a free summer tutoring program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center starting on Saturday, June 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and continue every Saturday through August 12.

The program is for area students in grades 1 to 12 and will provide tutoring at remedial, review and advanced levels. SAT help will be provided and computers will be used as needed. For more information call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

Greenbelt Park Hosts Trails Day Activities

Greenbelt Park is celebrating National Trails Day (an annual celebration aimed at raising awareness of and appreciation for trails) on Saturday, June 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come help repair trails, remove invasive plants, replace mile markers and enjoy a walk discovering the Exercise Fit trail or the other trails in the park. There will be giveaways including water bottles, T-shirts and water.

Trail repair begins at 8:30 a.m. All participants for trail repair should pre-register through REI at 301-982-9681.

Replacing mile markers and cleaning the fitness equipment begins at 10 a.m. and invasive plant removal begins at 11 a.m.

Meet at the Sweetgum picnic area near the entrance of the park. Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Kenilworth Avenue.

To RSVP call 301-344-3044 or visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

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At the Library

Tuesday, May 30, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 31, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 20 children.

Thursday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule		
Date	Time	Games
Mon., May 29	6:00 p.m.	Memorial Day
Tues., May 30	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Cubs
Wed., May 31	6:00 p.m.	Lions vs. Athletics
Fri., June 2	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Tigers
Fri., June 2	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Indians
Fri., June 2	6:00 p.m.*	Athletics vs. Giants
Fri., June 2	After	Parents vs. Coaches
Sat., June 3	10:00 a.m.	AL Practice
Sat., June 3	1:00 p.m.	NL Practice
Sun., June 4	2:00 p.m.	All Star Game

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 5/16/06			
American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Orioles	12 - 1	Indians	10 - 1
Giants	6 - 6	Cubs	6 - 5
Athletics	5 - 5	Lions	3 - 9
Tigers	2 - 7	Cardinals	1 - 11

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted.
*These games will be played at Braden #2.

GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings and events:

Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation, GHI

Sunday, June 4, 12:30-4 p.m. – Home & Garden Tour, GHI

Tuesday, June 6, 7 p.m. – Member & Community Relations Committee, Board Room

Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m. – Sustainable Design & Practices Energy Group, Board Room.

GEAC Meets June 1

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will meet on Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Hunting Ridge. GEAC represents communities in Greenbelt East and meets the first Thursday of each month.

GIAC to Dissolve

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) Board of Directors has voted to dissolve the organization that runs Greenbelt.com. Currently GIAC purchases the email and web hosting services from Center Enterprises, owned by Greenbelter Neil McLeod. McLeod has agreed to continue providing those services. On the other hand, those who are currently receiving their dial-up service from GIAC will need to find a new connection to the internet. See <http://www.greenbelt.com/gis/> for some possibilities.

GIAC has mailed detailed information to its members.

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The Da Vinci Code PG 13 (!)
1, 2, 4:10, 5:10, 7:15, 8:15, 10:30
Over the Hedge PG (!)
1:10, 1:35, 3:05, 3:30, 5, 5:25, 7:10, 9:30
See No Evil R (!)
1:20, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:40
Poseidon PG 13
7:35, 10
Mission Impossible III PG 13
1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

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HOLY SHRIMP! II

St. Hugh's Shrimp Feast
27 May 2006
6:30—10:00 p.m.
(Food served until 9:00 p.m.)

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The Greenbelt Swim Team's 2006 Summer season runs from May 30 to July 29.

Fees are \$35 per swimmer until May 30. Registrations received after May 30 will cost \$40 per swimmer. There is a \$50 Volunteer fee per family which will be returned if earned by helping out with the many tasks the team has. Meets are held 8 AM to Noon each Saturday from June 17 to July 15, with the Divisional meet on July 22 and All-Stars on July 24. There are other meets with dates to be determined: B meets, the New Carrollton Relays and the Knights of Columbus Mini-meet.

Swimmers practice May 30 – June 8 in the afternoons and June 13 – July 28 in the mornings. MANDATORY PARENT MEETING and swim suit fitting June 6 at 5:00 p.m. at GAFC.

Information and applications can be found at www.greenbelt.com/swimteam or at the GMST bulletin board in the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway in Old Greenbelt. For any questions call Deborah Taylor at 301-345-2485 or DeborahTaylor@aol.com or Leslie Hilliard at 301-474-7504.

Eric Soderholm Is Selected For David Craig Scholarship

by Doug Mangum, President of DCMSE (Class of '79)

The Board of Directors for the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund has selected this year's award winner, the Fund's 21st recipient, Eric Soderholm.

The award provides a \$2,000 annual grant for four years and is solely financed by donor contribution. Seniors at ERHS have been the recipients of the scholarship since its inception in 1986. The scholarship helps to perpetuate Craig's memory and assist young men or young women in their pursuit to further their education by attending institutes of higher learning.

Eric was recognized and received his \$2,000 check at the ERHS awards ceremony Thursday, May 18.

Craig, a 1979 graduate of ERHS and a 1984 graduate of Frostburg State University via Prince George's Community College, died tragically in March of 1984 just months before his class was to celebrate their five-year reunion.

This year's pool of applicants was outstanding. We praise all of them for their interest in the scholarship and their ambition to attend college. We wish them all well. Eric is a tremendous young person whose leadership skills established an Ultimate Frisbee group, the Bonnel Group. He planned and organized a charity bike ride and chaired his church's Outreach Committee. Eric's varied interests range from church mission projects to stage manager/technical advisor for performances of Roosevelt's Drama Department. Eric keeps fit by bicycling to school and participating in Ultimate Frisbee. He also fishes, crabs and enjoys canoeing, as well as backpacking and hiking. He is a member of the Ecology Club and the National Honor Society. Eric's most impressive attribute and what really separated him from the other candidates is his selflessness. He has a big heart and contributes

greatly to his community with numerous acts of kindness.

One example of Eric's selflessness was when Eric, an established guitar player, rounded up other musicians and put together a CD which was sold to help pay for expenses on one of his mission trips. He currently is organizing a 12-day bike ride across Maryland to raise funds for Heifer International. Heifer International is an organization which provides livestock to people to help them make a living for themselves. His goal is \$10,000 and he has already raised \$4,500.



Congratulations:

– to Olufunke O. Oshunleti, who graduated from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., on May 13.

– to Christal Batey on receiving the Aegis Healthcare Business Solutions Chairperson Award for Outstanding Service for two years as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for Mid-Atlantic Lifespan.

– to David and Harriet Ginsburg of Boxwood Village, who will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary along with their granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah. Leah Morgan is the daughter of Richard and Rhonda Ginsburg, previously of Greenbelt. A reception and music for relatives and friends will follow.

Science Bowl Winners Include Greenbelter

The six-member Kenmoor MS Science Bowl Team with Greenbelter Nirvon Sengupta as team captain won the state's Science Bowl Competition on May 5 at the University of Maryland, College Park, competing with 12 public and private schools. Kenmoor is now eligible to participate in the National Science Bowl Competition in Denver, Colorado, on June 21.

All six members of the winning team have been accepted into the Science and Technology program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Science Bowl is an interscholastic competition that tests the scientific literacy of elementary and middle school students. Forty elementary schools and 16 middle schools participate each year, and the competition is aired on the school system's cable Channel 96. The program has been recognized for outstanding children's programming, winning Telly, Cable Ace and National School Public Relations Association awards.

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06/30	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

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City Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.
The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of May 29th
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, June 2nd.

MEETINGS FOR MAY 29-JUNE 2

- Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center Senior Lounge, room 111.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday, May 30 & Thursday, June 1: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert – Controlling Cholesterol and Healthy Cooking for One,” **6:45pm** “ACE Reading Club – Magnolia,” **7:00pm** “It’s Municipal Government 2006.”
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday, May 31 & Friday, June 2: 7pm “Rip the Mic,” **8:30pm** “Benefit Concert for Armenia & Nagono.”

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Youth Advisory Committee (adult member)

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Greenbelt Day Weekend

Celebrating our 69th year, 1937 - 2006 ~ Friday, June 2-Sunday, June 4

Happy 69th Anniversary, Greenbelt! Celebrate the occasion by enjoying the many amenities that Greenbelt has to offer including our parks, pools, historic walking tours, local eateries and more. Enjoy!

The Mayor and City Council cordially invite all of you to come and enjoy your community. All activities are FREE and open to ALL AGES unless otherwise noted

EVENTS HAPPENING ALL WEEKEND LONG: FRIDAY-SUNDAY

6:00am-10:30pm on Friday and 8:00am-9:45pm on Saturday and Sunday:

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center-Indoor Facility Open~Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission fees provide admittance.

9:00am-10:00pm: Greenbelt Museum Exhibition, “Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the New Deal Era.” Community Center

11:00am-8:00pm on Friday and 10:00am-8:00pm on Saturday and Sunday

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Outdoor Pool Opens~Recreational swimming for all ages; purchase a summer season pass and save on the price of daily admissions.

9:00am-10:00pm: Photographs by Greenbelt artist Barbara Tyroler on view, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

9:00am-10:00pm: “Greenbelt Impressions” – recent photographs by University of Maryland students on view, Barbara Tyroler, instructor. Greenbelt Community Center.

9:00am-10:00pm: “A Stereoscopic Journey Through the Land of Uz: A Photographic Installation by Dan Schlapbach” – exhibit on view, Greenbelt Community Center.

OTHER FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND EVENTS

8:30am: 10th ANNUAL GENE KELLAHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC
Sponsored by the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 at the Lake Arbor Golf & Country Club. Sponsors welcome, contact Kathie Linkenhoker at 301-474-1776.

GREENBELT BASEBALL GAMES

6:00pm: Mets vs. Marlins Machine Pitch-Braden Field #3
6:00pm: Cubs vs. Indians Major League-McDonald Field
6:00pm: A’s vs Giants Major League-Braden Field #2
8:00pm: Parents vs Coaches-Braden Field #2

OTHER SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD EVENTS

10:00am: SENIOR EXHIBITION SOFTBALL GAME- Come cheer for the Greenbelt Team. Braden Field #2

GREENBELT DAY~ SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

12:30-4:00pm: GHI HOME & GARDEN TOUR, begin at Greenbelt Homes Inc. administrative office and enjoy the architectural enhancements, remodeling, renovation projects, and landscaped gardens on this walking tour of Greenbelt Homes. Contact Joan Krob at 301-474-4161 for more information. 1 Hamilton Place.

2:00pm: GREENBELT BASEBALL ALL STAR GAME Major League, McDonald Field

ARTFUL AFTERNOON

1:00pm-5:00pm: Studio Open House, Artists in Residence. Community Center.

1:00pm-5:00pm: House Tours, Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Rd.

1:00pm-3:00pm: Create Whimsical Sculptures, no experience necessary; art will be used for the July 4th Independence Day celebration at Buddy Attick Park. Community Center.

2:50pm: Mayor and City Council Greenbelt Day 69th Anniversary Comments, join the Mayor and City Council for their 69th Anniversary remarks. Community Center.

3:00pm: FREE PERFORMANCE: Greenbelt Concert Band, Community Center. Immediately following concert Jim Cassels Award for Community Service, Co-op Board. Community Center

4:00pm: Lecture: “20th Century Wedding Dresses/Customs.” Lecturer: Alden O’Brien, Costume Historian, D.A.R. Museum. Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center.



GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER SUMMER DAILY ADMISSION PRICES May 27, 2006-September 4, 2006

	GREENBELT RESIDENT	WEEKDAY NON-RESIDENT	WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY GUEST	Greenbelt Residents are required to show proof of residency when paying daily admission. Weekends and Holidays are restricted to Pass-holders, Greenbelt Residents & their guest(s).
Youth (1-13)	\$2.50	\$4.50	\$3.50	
Young Adult (14-17)	\$3.50	\$5.50	\$4.50	
Adult (18-59)	\$4.50	\$6.50	\$5.50	
Senior (60 years +)	\$3.00	\$5.50	\$4.50	

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in the Municipal Building would offer security and eliminate the need for residents in the area to go over to Hanover Parkway, particularly those who walk to Roosevelt Center.

Other Additions

Council added \$20,000 to a reserve established to help the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. purchase an ambulance and a new engine in future years.

The only other budget additions exceeding \$10,000 made by council were \$26,000 to fund changes in the Greenbelt Theatre lease and \$15,000 to cover expected maintenance costs at the city's new compressed natural gas dispensing facility.

Because negotiations on a lease for the movie house are pending, McLaughlin was unable to comment on why such an expenditure may be required. Currently, the city receives \$1,500 a month, or \$18,000 a year as a rental from the theater operator and, according to McLaughlin, this income, not shown in the budget, is used to offset debt service expense on the 2001 bond issue that enabled the city to buy the moviehouse.

Other budget additions were \$1,000 for participation in a Main Street Conference, \$2,500 for planning for a community visioning process to be undertaken in a future year, \$2,500 for a trailer and supplies for use by the Community Emergency Response Team, \$600 for a contribution toward Meals on Wheels and added contribution increases for Greenbelt Baseball (\$2,000) and Friends of the New Deal Café (\$200).

Non-actions

Council did discuss a number of expenditure issues with greater fiscal impact. Roberts wanted council to consider reducing the property tax rate. Davis chided him, saying that he should have suggested doing it earlier in the budget process. "Then maybe we could have switched our thinking," she said. "I've been working on a no tax increase."

To reduce the tax rate by a penny would have required council to find \$155,300 in added revenues or deleted expenditures. To fund such a reduction, Roberts was willing to increase rental apartment inspection fees by \$100 but gained no support.

Putens told him, "My goal this year was no tax increase. If we were to cut the tax rate, I needed to know ahead of time. I'm not for finding small amounts here or there to cut the budget."

Council held off for future worksessions any discussion on proposals dealing with prescriptions for retired employees and overtime practices and regulations. Also deferred was the issue of city employee participation in an enhanced retirement pension program. McLaughlin suggested the added cost could be funded by using city and employee contributions now made toward a deferred compensation plan.

While a decision must be made by June 30, 2007, costs will be less if action is taken sooner rather than later. McLaughlin admitted, however, that there was still not enough information to make a decision at this time.

Inspection Fees

Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze told council that a survey of other jurisdictions found that the city

inspection fee for owner-occupied units of \$70 was well below the average of \$108.50 charged in other jurisdictions. She recommended increasing the city fee to \$100 and felt it should be done all at once.

McLaughlin noted the current fee did pay the cost of inspection services. Councilmember Konrad Herling and Mach, however, felt there was a need for more property inspection and therefore more inspectors. Putens and Roberts expressed concern that the fee increase would be passed on to tenants, although Roberts was willing to raise the fee to reduce the property tax rate.

Craze agreed there could be more inspections but noted that her department had a structural issue due to lack of office space to house employees. After further discussion, council decided to provide a phased-in increase to \$100 with the initial fee increase being \$15. The added funds would be set aside to be used to deal with the department's structural issue, except for \$7,000 that would be added to the department's budget for two speed sentry units/traffic counters to be used for monitoring speeds on roads and making traffic counts.

Mach was interested in providing funds to increase compensation for part-time recreation employees. McLaughlin, however, asked council to hold off on this so that he could look into the matter in more detail. He noted that city compensation historically was less than that paid by the Prince George's County Recreation Department.

Davis proposed funding the extra expenses council was interested in by not replacing two of the proposed eight police cruisers, saving \$45,000. Putens proposed cutting out one replacement and using the contingency reserve to pay for the remaining expense.

Roberts objected to cutting back on police vehicle replacement and McLaughlin also emphasized the importance of not allowing the police fleet to become over-aged. McLaughlin also noted that the city revenues are doing better than expected, with more to come from the state distribution of highway user fees.

He advocated reducing the \$30,000 reserve for unforeseen expenses as the easy way to find the needed money now, with the expectation that other funds would be available for the contingencies once final figures for this year were known. Eventually, council accepted his recommendation.

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type of additions.

The three nominees for the audit committee – Dianne Wilkerson, Marat Moore and Michael Iacangelo – were elected to the three one-year terms.

Four candidates ran for the Nominations and Elections Committee (N&E), leaving one position open. Three nominations were taken from the floor for the open position – Ken Silberman, Jill St. John and Lou Vasquez. The five candidates elected to serve one-year terms were Alan Turnbull (190 votes), Deborah Cooley (179), Elizabeth Wellborn (176), Roger Brown (156) and Jill St. John (127).

There were 293 ballots cast in the election.

Displays

Prior to the meeting and during a break to count the N&E Committee ballots, members had time to visit the many tables and displays set up around the room. Topics included companion animals of GHI, EZ Pay (paying GHI fees by bank transfer), the Member and Community Relations Committee, the Sustainability Committee and the display of a rain barrel given away later as a door prize. The Woodlands Committee had several species of native plants available for people to take home.

Electric Bills

Earlier in the evening, Eichhorst asked for a show of hands of new members and quite a few people responded. It is evident that new interests and concerns were being brought up by members.

A member of the Sustainable Design and Practices Committee described the activities of this newly-formed committee. The committee seeks a better quality of life, reduction of costs and conservation. The speaker mentioned that her committee is asking members (especially from frame homes) to drop off copies of recent Pepco bills at the GHI offices. The committee is trying to determine how much members are spending on energy.

Member Ken Silberman spoke on the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. He described how people must all be responsible for their own safety in a disaster. Free training is available, he said, and the CERT group meets monthly. Bill Holland, the Greenbelt coordinator, can be reached at 301-345-0231.

Members Speak

At the end of the evening members were allotted three minutes each to address issues of concern. Don Comis moved to rescind the eviction of Bill Orleans from GHI. (Orleans had circulated a flyer prior to the



Signs of the Times – Campaign signs at the corner of Southway and Crescent Road. The election for five seats on the GHI board of directors took place this week. Twenty years ago GHI annual elections were hotly contested affairs with signs appearing all over the city. The recent competition by eight candidates for five seats on the board of directors may indicate that the pendulum is swinging back to increased participation in the cooperative.

meeting stating his position on the matter.) Doug Love seconded the motion. Eichhorst refused to hear the motion, stating that Orleans was no longer a member of GHI and that the motion was out of order.

John Henry Jones talked about the garden plots on Hamilton Place. He presented a \$500 check from the Garden Club to GHI in appreciation for water that had been provided by the GHI offices. Eichhorst reported that GHI has received \$3,200 from the Potomac Conservancy for a rain garden.

Under new business, Comis again approached the mike and said that he felt GHI's eviction policy was fair but wondered if all members were treated the same and later Susan Barnett questioned the Orleans eviction.

A Plateau Place resident (and others) addressed concerns regarding shots being fired in the woods behind her house, saying that she has been unable to get

the police to take any action. Some were of the opinion that the shots originated at the Secret Service firearm range near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Powder Mill Road. Another member addressed concerns about fires at the end of Plateau Place. Ann Bauman from Hillside talked about water damage in her unit during a fire in a nearby unit. She reported that she was unaware there is a \$5,000 member deductible for such repairs when covered by GHI's insurance.

Nell Sydavar, a gardener in the 16 court of Southway, won the rain barrel. The \$250 credit toward June's monthly charge went to Andria Neuendorffer, the \$100 credit went to Kathy Jones and the \$50 credit went to Anne Dunn.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 p.m. after the awarding of a number of other door prizes. Voting took place after the meeting and during the following day.



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Shurfine Margarine Quarters 1 lb.	50¢	Kraft Natural Cheese Chunks Assorted 8 oz.	3/\$5⁰⁰

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10am til 6pm
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Green's Ice Cream Assorted 1.75 Qt.	\$2⁵⁰	Shurfine Orange Juice 12 oz.	\$1⁰⁰
Steak - umm Thin Sliced Beef Sandwich Steaks 21 oz.	\$3⁹⁹	Shurfine Crispy Crust Pizza Assorted 5-6 oz.	\$1⁰⁰

Deli

Deli Style Cooked Ham	\$2⁹⁹ lb.
Oven Browned Turkey Breast	\$4⁶⁹ lb.
Shurfine Liverwurst	\$2⁹⁹ lb.

Seafood

Oven Poppers Frozen Flounder Entrees 10 oz.	\$3⁹⁹
Sea Best Pasteurized Lump Crab Meat 16 oz.	\$9⁹⁹

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Wednesday, May 31

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Police Blotter

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Robberies

May 11, 3:40 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, a woman reported that she was walking on the sidewalk when a man approached her and grabbed the purse from her arm. The man was last seen running into the wood line of Greenbelt National Park. He is described as an Hispanic male in his twenties, 5’3” to 5’4” with a scar on his left cheek, wearing a blue T-shirt and blue jeans.

May 13, 3 a.m., T.G.I.Friday’s Restaurant, Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, some women reported that they were in the restaurant parking lot when they struck up a conversation with two men. The men then grabbed their purses and fled the scene in a vehicle described as a grey 4-door. The suspects are described as a black male, 23 to 26 years of age, 5’6” with a thin build, brown eyes and black hair in dreadlocks wearing all black clothing; and a black male, 23 to 26 years of age, 5’7” with a thin build and brown eyes, wearing a red sleeveless T-shirt and blue jeans.

May 13, 11 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a food delivery person reported that he was walking through the parking lot to make a delivery when he was approached by a youth who grabbed him in a headlock and demanded money. The delivery person struck the youth with a bag containing soft drink bottles. The assailant released him and fled the scene on foot. The assailant is described as a black male, 13 to 15 years of age, 5’5” with a thin build, wearing dark clothing.

Assaults

May 12, 6:46 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with second-degree assault and resisting arrest after police responded to a report of a person who had an open arrest warrant. The warrant was confirmed and police attempted to place the man under arrest. The man pushed the officer away and attempted to flee the scene on foot, dragging the officer behind him. He continued to resist attempts to be placed into custody and was finally controlled with the use of a stun gun. He was transported to the hospital for minor injuries sustained during the arrest and was then released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

May 9, 10 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested after he was observed by a school resource officer assaulting another youth in the library at the school. He was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Concealed Weapon

May 11, 2:50 p.m., Eleanor

Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for concealed deadly weapon and disruption of school activities after he was involved in a fight and found to be in possession of a knife at school. He was released to administrators pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Intoxication

April 29, 12:35 a.m., T.G.I.Friday’s Restaurant, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication. Police responded to a report of a person who had not paid his tab at the restaurant three days earlier and was now back in the restaurant. While police were attempting to speak with the man, he became disorderly and started yelling. He was released on citation pending trial.

May 13, 12:10 a.m., T.G.I.Friday’s Restaurant, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication. An arrest warrant was obtained charging another non-resident man with intoxicated endangerment and second-degree assault. The two men were asked to leave the restaurant after they threatened a manager there. They refused to leave and were arrested, at which time they resisted attempts to place them in handcuffs. The first man was released on citation pending trial. While being processed, the other man spit in the face of one of the officers. He was then transported to the Department of Corrections for processing, at which time he became ill and was transported to the hospital for treatment.

Vandalism

May 17, 8 p.m., 99 Centerway, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on the walls of the Greenbelt Youth Center and on the tennis courts.

Burglaries

May 13, 9:16 a.m., 6201 Golden Triangle Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) reached through an open hotel window and removed money and jewelry at the Marriott Courtyard.

May 17, 11:10 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence by prying open a kitchen window. The suspect fled the scene after he was apparently startled when he entered a bedroom and saw the victim sleeping.

May 18, 8:20 a.m., 3 Court Crescent Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered an unfenced backyard and removed a chainsaw from an unsecured shed.

May 18, 4:34 p.m., 7700 block of Ora Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) gained entry by forcing a basement window open and removed miscellaneous small items.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were

Carjacker Kidnaps Two, Robs Others

On Friday, May 19 at approximately 9:10 p.m., police responded to a report of a carjacking that occurred in the 9200 block of Edmonston Road. A woman reported that she had parked her vehicle in a parking lot when a man entered the vehicle by way of the front passenger door. He pointed a handgun at the victim’s nine-month-old child sitting in a car seat in the rear of the vehicle and ordered the woman to drive him around. She was directed to drive a short distance to the 9300 block of Edmonston Road, where the man exited the vehicle, taking the victim’s car keys, money and cell phone. The woman got out of the car, grabbed her child and fled on foot. The child was not injured.

The man then proceeded to rob two other women in the 9300 block of Edmonston Road, taking their purses, and then fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 25 to 30 years of age, 5’8”, 150 pounds with brown eyes, black hair and a medium complexion, wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

reported stolen: a 2001 Chevrolet Impala 4-door from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway; a 1994 Honda Accord 4-door and a 1996 Honda Accord 4-door from Beltway Plaza; a 1997 Mercedes Benz 4-door from the 8100 block Mandan Terrace; a 1995 Chevrolet Lumina van from the 5800 block Greenbelt Road; a white 1996 Yamaha VZF600 motorcycle, no tags, from the 7100 block Lake Drive; a gray 1996 Chrysler Concorde 4-door, Maryland tags 2BVW75 from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; and a white 1984 Buick Electra SW, Maryland tags 9AZA58 from Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road.

Seven vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police with no arrests and five by outside police departments with an adult arrest made in one recovery.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road, 7800 block Emily’s Way, 7800 block Somerset Court, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Greenbelt Road, 200 block Lakeside Drive, 6600 block Lake Park Drive, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 9200 block Edmonston Road, 9300 block Edmonston Road, 6000 block Springhill Drive (two incidents), 9100 block Springhill Lane and Beltway Plaza.

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a residential development at Beltway Plaza) the city is concerned about the present lack of city-owned ball fields in this section of Greenbelt.

On the solution to this problem, the two bodies disagreed.

According to the APB report, following the meeting its members believe that an arrangement could be reached between the Board of Education and the city allowing the city “to oversee maintenance” of fields established in conjunction with the proposed new elementary and middle schools. (The school system’s poor maintenance of its playing fields elsewhere had been noted at the meeting.)

In return, the public would be able to use the ball fields “during non-school hours,” the APB proposed. They went on to express their belief that it would be “undesirable to attempt to fit a three-ball field complex with its attendant surface parking requirements into the pedestrian-scale streetscape” of the development.

Earlier in lieu of ball fields AIMCO had offered the city \$1.8 million to upgrade other recreation facilities, such as construction of the long-planned restrooms at Buddy Attick Park. The APB suggested that these funds might be used instead to provide athletic fields elsewhere in Greenbelt West.

On this issue the planning staff takes a different position. They note that except for fields “associated with the Greenbelt Middle School site,” no ball fields are currently located west of Kenilworth Avenue. “[I]t is a must,” the report states, “to accommodate formal sports programs, such as football, soccer and baseball.”

“Given the lack of available land within Greenbelt West, the city must capitalize on this opportunity to address a deficiency in . . . the recreation facilities inventory,” the planning staff concludes.

Road Crossings

A second substantive difference between the city staff’s analysis and the APB position involves

two road crossings proposed near the two high-rise apartment buildings at the north end of the property. A private single-lane roadway would form an elongated oval providing access to the front façade of the buildings. Near both ends of this loop road, bridges over a small stream would connect the roadway to the city streets.

Since the stream and its banks are seen as environmentally sensitive, the planning staff recommends that one or the other of the two bridge crossings be eliminated. Here the APB disagrees.

“In weighing the environmental impacts associated with the two crossings against the functional value of the crossings,” the APB report concludes, “. . . the two major road crossings are warranted.”

On other issues the APB agrees with city staff positions on proposed elements of redevelopment of the properties and regards these possibilities as “an exciting redevelopment opportunity for the applicant, as well as the city as a whole.”

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pressed hope that there would be further opportunities to discuss and resolve the problems with the preliminary plan.

The next step in the process for the PPS is the Prince George's County Planning Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 25 in Upper Marlboro. According to city staff, the SHL developers are also facing a Planning Board Technical Staff recommendation to deny approval for the plan based on inadequacies in the plan relating to public safety and fire and emergency medical services. At this writing, it is not at all certain what might take place at the Planning Board meeting. Based on discussions between city planning staff and AIMCO representatives after Monday's meeting, there is an indication that the developers are planning to appear at Thursday's hearing and are prepared to accept denial of their PPS application.

Montpelier Photo Exhibit Opens

From June 2 through August 19 the Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel will feature "From Everywhere at Home," photographs by Lynn Silverman.

This exhibit will be in the library gallery from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. A reception will take place on Friday, June 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Kindergarten, Pre-K Registrations Begin

Prince George's County Public School system is currently accepting registrations for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2006-2007 school year. The school system has modified registration procedures to include early admission to either a program based on educational needs, student performance or early admission assessments and available seats. Registration forms for both programs are available in all elementary schools. Students who meet age requirements and students who are homeless will receive top priority.

Pre-kindergarten

Families may register their child for pre-kindergarten at their boundary school after meeting income guidelines. (Children who have met the income requirements for free lunch will generally meet the income requirement.) As mandated by the State of Maryland children admitted to the pre-kindergarten program must be four years old on or before September 1, 2006. Children born between September 2, 2001 and September 1, 2002 who demonstrate specific educational needs may apply for early admission. Parents will be notified by the Office of Early Childhood Programs to schedule an appointment for the child to take an assessment test. Tests will be given from June 19 to June 30 and from July 3 to July 28.

Kindergarten

Families may register their child for kindergarten at their boundary school. The child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2006.

Children born between October 1, 2000, and September 1, 2001, who receive an assessment score of 90 percent or higher on the Test of Kindergarten/First Grade Readiness Skills may apply for early admission. The Office of Early Childhood Programs will contact the parent or guardian to schedule an assessment appointment from Monday through Friday during one of the following testing windows: June 19 to June 30 or July 3 to July 28.

For detailed information on kindergarten admission procedures, contact the local boundary school or the Office of Early Childhood Support at 301-808-4000.

If families are unsure which school is the boundary school they should call the Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300.

Volunteers Needed To Help Children

Volunteers are needed to provide a voice for abused and neglected children in Prince George's County. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)/Prince George's County, Inc., is looking for volunteers to train to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children who are currently placed in foster care. CASA volunteers interact with the child, family members, social workers and teachers and have the support of CASA supervisors.

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All events are free; advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 301-497-5887.

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Legislators Report to Democratic Club

by James Giese

Greenbelt's delegation to the Maryland General Assembly from the 22nd District gave a review of actions taken at the last legislative session to the Greenbelt Democratic Club. Speaking were Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross.

Pinsky began by saying that someone once said that the closest thing to watching sausage being made is watching laws being made. During the first month the legislature overrode 17 vetoes by the governor of legislation passed in the 2004 session.

A bill to fund stem cell research that he supported also drew much attention, failing at first by a few votes to achieve passage. It was modified enough to get the necessary votes to pass. While the bill is a step forward, Pinsky does not feel that it is as good as it could be.

Another issue of great concern before the legislature was the regulating of now deregulated electric rates. Pinsky said the legislative halls were filled with lobbyists from the electric companies. Also present were lobbyists for Enron, which he described as being not a utility but a commodities broker. However, all efforts (some 60 bills) to either further regulate the determination of utility rates or prohibiting a company to purchase an electric utility without Public Service Commission approval or changing the method of appointing public service commissioners either failed to pass or were vetoed by the governor. Now that there is deregulation, which he opposed, Pinsky said it is complicated to go back to regulation. A bill to enable municipalities to aggregate residential customers to purchase electricity in larger quantities and lower costs also failed passage.

Healthy Air

Pinsky is proud of his efforts to get passage of the Healthy Air Act which establishes limits on the emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and mercury from coal-fired power plants. He said that even the Department of the Environment advised the governor that something needed to be done. However, the bill enacted was threatened with a veto. The legislature passed it just early enough that if the governor did veto it, the legislature could override the veto in that session. Otherwise, the veto would not have been reconsidered until a new legislature was elected.

When the bill was taken to the Governor's Office, the doors were locked. The Governor's Office was trying to prevent timely delivery before the cutoff deadline. The legislation was slipped under the door and the Baltimore Sun gave a lot of bad publicity about this incident, Pinsky said. In the end the governor did sign the bill.

Pinsky said that he and the other bill sponsors were not invited to the signing ceremony as is customary. He felt that the governor, who claims to be the "Environmental Governor," did not want to share credit for this with others.

Elections

Healey noted that an election bill passed in the last session and two bills passed this session were vetoed by the governor but successfully overridden. However, the state has delayed purchase of needed equipment to make some of the requirements effective for the next election. She did note that early voting is now permitted for a five day period (Tuesday to Saturday) before an election and that one no longer needs to give a reason for asking for an absentee ballot. In Prince George's County there will be three early voting polling places, the nearest to Greenbelt being in Hyattsville.

Gaines noted the passage of a bill to improve pensions for state employees. The state was found to have one of the poorest retirement plans in the country. Employees will now receive at least 50 percent of final average compensation. Greenbelt employees, who are members of the State Employees Retirement and Pension System could also benefit.

The City of Greenbelt will receive another \$300,000 for window replacement at the Greenbelt Community Center, she announced.

Doctors Community Hospital will get a \$2,000,000 state grant. Gaines said that the facility had never requested state funding assistance. Prince George's Hospital Center also will receive \$5,000,000 from the state.

Community College

Ross noted that Prince George's Community College students will get increased state funding from 25 to 30 percent of their tuition costs. Funding for English as a Second Language will increase from \$2 to \$6 million for the college.

He noted his support and that of the other delegates for a system of public financing of campaign candidates for the General Assembly as really important for the state, although it was not a perfect bill. However, its passage failed as did proposed legislation to require voting machines to leave a paper trail.

County Legislation

County Councilmember Doug Peters was also present and reported on some county legislation. He noted there would be more funding for education. The council also adopted a bill banning smoking in restaurants. Both volunteer and professional firefighters will now benefit from a Firefighters Bill of Rights, he said. Beginning in July, deputy sheriffs will replace police officers in county high schools as school resource officers. This will not effect either Northwestern in Hyattsville or Eleanor Roosevelt in Greenbelt where city police provide this service. Instead, the two cities will be reimbursed for costs.

Club president Pat Unger asked for an explanation of school board election procedures. According to Pinsky, of the nine members to be elected, five will be required to reside in one each of the five county districts and four can be from anywhere in the county. However, all will run in the general election at large. If, of the candidates seek-

ing office without a residency requirement, there are eight or less, there will not be a primary election; if more, they will run in the primary at large and the top eight will become candidates in the general election. If more than two seek office as residents of a district, there will be a primary for that office. It was not clear if only the residents of the district or all county residents would choose in the primary election the two candidates to run in the general election. The school board elections are nonpartisan and all eligible voters can vote for these offices in the primary election, assuming there are enough candidates to require a primary.

Special Session

Unger also asked if there would be a special session of the legislature on regulating the expected utility rate increases. Pinsky said that members of the legislature were trying to work out a plan that could successfully result in passage of legislation before agreeing to hold a session. Without an agreed to plan, it would be fruitless for the General Assembly to reconvene. The governor worked out a plan with Baltimore Gas and Electric in the last days of the session which has been heavily criticized in Baltimore. The Democrats must decide whether it is better for the governor to go into the upcoming election having to take the rap for the utility rate increases or for the legislature to try to get something better for Maryland, according to Pinsky.

State Legislators Report To Council on Session

by A. Neil Deo

State Senator Paul Pinsky and the 22nd District representatives enjoyed a warm welcome at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, May 8. According to the legislators, the 2006 General Assembly session had been, on balance, positive. Pinsky led the wrap-up with a generally upbeat look at the past 90 days.

The senator was pleased but not ecstatic about the session. He expressed disappointment with deregulation of utilities, possibilities of re-regulation and Pepco rate hikes.

In their reports Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Justin Ross and Anne Healey emphasized that the last term had been "very productive." The utilities issue is complex "both legally and technically," they said, because the utility giants have "sold off" their assets.

The balanced budget adopted by the Maryland General Assembly includes \$37 million for new school construction, an additional \$8 million for renovating "aging schools" and a \$66 million increase to fund county school operations in Prince George's County.

Pinsky helped make possible the funding for removing lead paint in the Greenbelt Community Center and replacing its unique windows (SB 941). Three other projects he supported included the University

Community Partnership Center (\$240,000) and a slightly lesser amount for the YMCA Renaissance Square project in Hyattsville.

There were a total of 20 gubernatorial veto overrides at the end of the session, the "Wal-Mart" bill included.


Mayor Judith Davis complimented Greenbelt's representatives for their good work generally and specifically for the "Wal-Mart" legislation requiring businesses with a minimum of 10,000 employees to provide them healthcare and not pass the costs onto Maryland taxpayers.

City Events

Under Administrative Reports, council and staff spoke of their enthusiastic individual and collective participation in the recent Pet Expo and Cinco de Mayo celebrations.

Councilmember Konrad Herling spoke of his interest in an International Day Celebration that will acknowledge the "new Greenbelt," one of diverse talents and multiple ethnicities. Any group or individuals interested in finding out more or helping plan this special event may contact him at KHerling@comcast.net.

Concerning the legislative session, readers may check out Delegate Justin Ross' report at <http://www.JustinRoss.US> or call 301-858-3058.



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